

passionate public servant, a devoted family man, and my friend. In February of 2005, John Ed was appointed State Highway Commissioner by Governor Mike Huckabee, where he has continued to be an important force in Arkansas.

Outside of his work as Commissioner, John Ed has made a point to be an active voice in the public discourse for improving the State of Arkansas. He has served on numerous commissions and boards such as the Arkansas Economic Development Commission. He is also a member of the St. Francis Levee Board and is a commissioner for the District 17 Drainage District.

Whenever and wherever he found a place he could help others, John Ed put his energy wholeheartedly and humbly into the job. He found a home as the Chairman of the Mississippi County Hospital System Board and as a member of the Arkansas Northeast College Foundation. Among all these accomplishments he also found the time to serve as a member of the board of the First National Bank of Blytheville.

John Ed is one of the smartest minds Arkansas has ever seen, and without people like him guiding the way, the State would be a much different place. His career is a reflection of his compassion, intellect, and commitment to improving Arkansas. I ask all my fellow colleagues to rise and honor with me the great work of John Ed Regenold.

IN HONOR OF THE RETIREMENT
OF HEINZ K. SIMON FROM THE
LAS COLINAS ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. MARCHANT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Heinz K. Simon, the retiring Vice Chairman and former President and Chairman of the Las Colinas Association Board of Directors. Heinz is a valued member of the Irving, Texas community and has dedicated decades of service, economic planning, and community improvements to the association and its surrounding communities. Since 1973, Heinz and his wife, Allison, have resided in Las Colinas, and in 1996 Heinz moved the corporate office of Industrial Properties Corporation to Las Colinas. As the former CEO and Chairman of Industrial, Heinz understood the dynamic business environment Las Colinas possesses. Heinz also raised his two children in this community.

Since moving to Las Colinas, Heinz's contributions to the community have been tremendous. In addition to being on the Association Board for over 10 years, he has served as the Chairman for Irving's Tax Increment Finance District. This position allowed him to push for a development project within the Tax Increment Finance District boundaries in Las Colinas. Furthermore, Heinz was the primary force behind The Las Colinas Park Foundation, a 501-(c)(3) organization that works to beautify parks and open spaces across Irving. In addition to other projects, the Foundation has replanted numerous trees and put both a statue and a sculpture in two parks within the community.

It was at Heinz's urging that the Urban Center Task Force Committee was organized in April 2006 to encourage the city of Irving to look at the needs of Las Colinas. As Chairman since its inception, Heinz has gotten involvement on the Committee from the mayor of Irving; two city managers and their staffs; and numerous city organizations. The group has encouraged the burying of overhead utilities, the construction of the Lake Carolyn promenade, and kept the interests of Las Colinas at the forefront of discussions among city leaders.

Though he retires from the Las Colinas Association Board of Directors with many accomplishments, Heinz is not done improving his community. He currently serves as the director/trustee of the Stemmons Foundation, a charitable trust established in 1963 to benefit Dallas-area cultural, educational, and scientific communities. It is for this continuous dedication to the Las Colinas area and its surrounding communities that I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Heinz K. Simon's retirement from the Las Colinas Board of Directors.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF
MR. DAVID NEWBY

HON. TAMMY BALDWIN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Ms. BALDWIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the career and achievements of Mr. David Newby, President of the Wisconsin State AFL-CIO, as he retires from his esteemed position.

David served as president for sixteen years, but his roots in fighting for social equality run much deeper. He began his dedicated fight against injustice during his time as a teacher at the Tuskegee Institute in Alabama. From 1965 to 1968, he faced off with racial discrimination in the South, organizing and participating in protests and sit-ins to counter the actions of the local chapter of the Ku Klux Klan. In 1968, David began work on a Ph.D. at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He quickly became involved in the union movement. As Steward of the Teaching Assistants Association, David was able to gain recognition from the administration through union strikes and other actions.

In 1982, David first stepped into a labor leadership role when he was elected President of the Madison Labor Council. He possessed the ability to motivate local members to come together on issues and express their views as one voice to the national AFL-CIO. A supremely principled man, David had no qualms about speaking out against union-backed candidates or policies. In 1986, he won a tough election for Secretary-Treasurer. He continued to ruffle feathers as he expressed his distaste for America's military actions abroad, never backed down from striking against plant closings, and continually pushed to attract new and more committed union members. Finally, in 1994, David easily won the presidency of the Wisconsin State AFL-CIO.

Over the past sixteen years as president, David has only increased his effort to fight for what he believes is right. As the representative of the Midwest on the national AFL-CIO

Executive Council, he helped lead the federation's opposition to the Iraq War. He continued to work tirelessly to build stronger connections between local labor leaders, community leaders, workers, and organizations to support students' rights, civil rights, women's rights, and countless other causes. In a time when so many are suffering because of the economy, David has fought to keep jobs from going abroad and to ensure competitive wages and benefits for union workers.

In a piece reflecting on the election of President Obama, David wrote, "But no gains are freely given. We have to seize the moment, focus our energies, and assure that the victory will indeed be ours." These bold words embody the essence of the American spirit, and it is clear that over the past fifty years, David has come to epitomize this spirit. Although colleagues may disagree with his beliefs or fiery spirit, they always come away with nothing but the utmost respect for David.

May his stalwart dedication, vision, and lifelong commitment to the highest ethical standards continue to serve as an inspiration for us. I join the greater Madison community, the entire state of Wisconsin, and those who continue to fight for their beliefs throughout our great nation in honoring Mr. David Newby's achievements and thanking him for his lifetime of service.

MEDIA USE "CONSERVATIVE"
LABEL MORE OFTEN THAN "LIBERAL"

HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Madam Speaker, the national media label political candidates and organizations "conservative" far more often than "liberal."

For example, during the last year, the New York Times, the Washington Post, and the Los Angeles Times used the word "conservative" almost twice as often as "liberal" in political news stories, according to an internet search.

Furthermore, by margins of 3 to 1, the newspapers used the term "far right" more often than "far left" and "right wing" more frequently than "left wing."

And the term "extreme right" appeared five times more often than "extreme left."

This disparity shows the media's liberal perspective. To them, "liberal" is actually "mainstream," and therefore not worth mentioning.

But Americans describe themselves as conservative rather than liberal by a margin of 2 to 1.

The national media should give Americans the facts, not use biased language.

TRIBUTE TO MAJOR GENERAL
ROBIN RAND

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. SKELTON. Madam Speaker, let me take this means to pay tribute to Major General Robin "Baba" Rand, the Director of the